

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S663–S719*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-four bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 290–323, S.J. Res. 7, and S. Res. 31–34. **Pages S707–08**

**Measures Passed:**

**Black History Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 31, celebrating Black History Month. **Pages S717–18**

**Congratulating North Dakota State University Football Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 32, congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title. **Pages S717–18**

**Emporia State University 150th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 33, commemorating the 150th anniversary of Emporia State University. **Pages S717–18**

**Kansas State University 150th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 34, commemorating the 150th anniversary of Kansas State University. **Pages S717–18**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–3) **Pages S704–05**

**Hagel Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense. **Pages S680–92**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, February 15, 2013. **Page S680**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at

approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 14, 2013. **Page S718**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 88 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. EX. 20), William J. Kayatta, Jr., of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit. **Pages S668, S672–75**

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S692–93, S718–19**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection for a term of five years.

Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2016.

Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2014.

Karol Virginia Mason, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

11 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S718**

**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Executive Communications:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

**Pages S709–17**

**Additional Statements:**

**Pages S701–04**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—20) **Page S675**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday,

February 14, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S718.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### IMPACT OF FEDERAL BUDGET DECISIONS

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of Federal budget decisions on families and communities, after receiving testimony from Gary D. Alexander, Pennsylvania Secretary of Public Welfare, Harrisburg; Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Robert L. Woodson, Sr., Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, both of Washington, D.C.; Tara Marks, Ada, Ohio; and Patrick D. Murray, Arlington, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

Also, the committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security:* Senators Cantwell (Chair), Boxer, Nelson, Lautenberg, Pryor, Klobuchar, Warner, Begich, Schatz, Cowan, Ayotte, Wicker, Blunt, Rubio, Heller, Scott, Cruz, Fischer, and Johnson (WI).

*Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet:* Senators Pryor (Chair), Boxer, Nelson, Cantwell, Lautenberg, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Warner, Begich, Blumenthal, Schatz, Cowan, Wicker, Blunt, Rubio, Ayotte, Heller, Coats, Scott, Cruz, Fischer, and Johnson (WI).

*Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion:* Senators Klobuchar (Chair), Pryor, Warner, Begich, Blumenthal, Cowan, Scott, Blunt, Coats, Fischer, and Johnson (WI).

*Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance:* Senators McCaskill (Chair), Boxer, Pryor, Klobuchar, Blumenthal, Schatz, Cowan, Heller, Blunt, Ayotte, Coats, Cruz, and Fischer.

*Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard:* Senators Begich (Chair), Nelson, Cantwell, Lautenberg, Blumenthal, Schatz, Cowan, Rubio, Wicker, Ayotte, Coats, Scott, and Cruz.

*Subcommittee on Science and Space:* Senators Nelson (Chair), Boxer, Pryor, Klobuchar, Warner, Blumenthal, Cowan, Cruz, Wicker, Rubio, Heller, Coats, and Johnson (WI).

*Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security:* Senators

Lautenberg (Chair), Boxer, Cantwell, Pryor, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Warner, Begich, Blumenthal, Schatz, Cowan, Blunt, Wicker, Rubio, Ayotte, Heller, Coats, Scott, Cruz, Fischer, and Johnson (WI).

Senators Rockefeller and Thune are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Schumer and former Senator Pete Domenici, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorable reported S. Res. 12, recognizing the third anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, honoring those who lost their lives in that earthquake, and expressing continued solidarity with the people of Haiti, with an amendment.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy, and Global Women's Issues:* Senators Boxer (Chair), Casey, Shaheen, Durbin, Kaine, Paul, Rubio, Risch, and Johnson (WI).

*Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs:* Senators Cardin (Chair), Boxer, Casey, Udall (NM), Murphy, Rubio, Johnson (WI), Flake, and McCain.

*Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs:* Senators Casey (Chair), Boxer, Cardin, Shaheen, Coons, Risch, Rubio, Johnson (WI), and McCain.

*Subcommittee on African Affairs:* Senators Coons (Chair), Cardin, Shaheen, Durbin, Udall (NM), Flake, McCain, Barrasso, and Paul.

*Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and Global Narcotics Affairs:* Senators Udall (NM) (Chair), Boxer, Murphy, Kaine, McCain, Rubio, Barrasso, and Paul.

*Subcommittee on European Affairs:* Senators Murphy (Chair), Casey, Shaheen, Coons, Durbin, Johnson (WI), Risch, Flake, and Barrasso.

*Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs, International Environmental Protection, and Peace Corps:* Senators Kaine (Chair), Coons, Durbin, Udall (NM), Murphy, Barrasso, Risch, Flake, and Paul.

Senators Menendez and Corker are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

### UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine solutions to the crisis facing the United States Postal